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25X1A 1. On [REDACTED] there was a meeting of leaders of the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party) at the Baracca of Sesto San Giovanni (headquarters of the Breda Sections of the PCI and the Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia (ANPI; Italian National Partisans Association)). Among those present were Giovanni Brambilla, Luigi Grangonato, Angelo Fumagalli, Giuseppe Carra, Alessandro Vaja, Luigi Reboni, Mauro Benedetti and a certain Boccacchini of the Unione Donne Italiane (UDI; Italian Women's Union). At the meeting it was decided to divide Sesto San Giovanni into small sectors and to form a Defense Committee in each sector in order to better unite and direct the workers' resistance in the current difficulties. It was also decided to include artisans and small proprietors in the Committees; in this way, the PCI utilizes not only the industrial sector of Sesto San Giovanni but also the entire population, of which 80 per cent are PCI members. Milan PCI leaders are particularly disturbed because the workers so far dismissed have been PCI members. If for no other reason, the Milan Federation of the PCI will be forced to wage an all-out fight on the Breda question.

2. There was a meeting at the Magenta Section offices on 25 September 1951 to discuss plans for the defense of the De Angeli Frua plant. The meeting was attended by members of the De Angeli Commissione Interna and Bruno Gerasi and Walter Cappuccini of the Milan Federation of the PCI. After hearing a report by the Commissione Interna representatives on the progress of the discussions with the De Angeli Directorate, the two Federation officials ordered the Commissione Interna to reject the De Angeli offers. Both Gerasi and Cappuccini emphasized that the closing of the plant would mean not only an economic loss for the workers but a serious blow to the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (CGIL; Italian General Confederation of Labor) and the Milan PCI Federation.

25X1A 3. On [REDACTED] the Directors of the Economic Committee met at Federation headquarters to study plans for sabotaging the Vanoni law. It was decided to approach the largest number of payees in all classes and to persuade them to submit inaccurate statements. These statements were to be followed by letters in which the payees asked for advice and/or a refund. In this way, the tax offices would be confronted with a work load so heavy that it could not be handled. This sabotage has a two-fold aim: a) to force the Finance Ministry to revise the stipulated levies; and b) to give the PCI a propaganda weapon for recruiting among the middle classes and small owners.

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